



## **PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES**

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Special Meeting of Wednesday February 4, 2004  
City Council Chambers  
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice Chair Bautista, Commissioners Lippe, Boennighausen and Weiden  
**Absent:** Chair Charlton, Commissioner Cooper

### **BUSINESS**

#### **MCKENZIE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT RENOVATION PRESENTATION**

Mr. Dave Brees, Recreation Director, presented the Commission the playground equipment replacement project for McKenzie Park. Mr. Brees reviewed diagrams of the playground area that will be used to determine the perimeters for the new play areas. Also presented was a rendering of the original playground layout detailing the playground and play elements in the park. Mr. Brees informed the Commission of the new playground safety standards established for public playgrounds and some of the design considerations staff would be using for the playground renovations. These considerations included equipment fall zones, accessibility, playground surfacing material, safety hazards and the look and fit of the design in the park. Several catalogs of playground equipment and surface material were provided for ideas in the park.

The following community members addressed the Commission at the meeting:

Derek Pitcher  
Casey Charlton  
Mike Shadduck

The community members expressed their support of proceeding with the playground renovations and suggested several ideas for the Commission to consider as they move forward with the design plans. The ideas included for consideration were to keep the swings, add a tire swing, have tube slides, add a climbing wall, keep the sand box, have equipment for the different age groups, cooperative play areas, and keep the rocks if possible.

Commission discussion followed the public comments. The Commission encouraged staff to consider a possible theme for the park such as a castle, something whimsical, or adventure related. The Commission also suggested the consideration of tunnels, mazes or some type of labyrinth.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.